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TOURISM
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether tourism in the country has declined due to recent floods and earthquakes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the tourism?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) and (b): Foreign tourist arrivals to India have registered a positive growth of about 14.2% during January-October, 2005 compared to the same period of last year. In fact foreign tourist arrivals to India during October 2005 were about 22% more than September 2005.

The State and Central Government have taken a number of steps like participation in various tourism promotion exhibitions, launching a major media campaign in the print and electronic media, etc., as a result tourist inflow has increased, resulting in introduction of additional flights by the airlines.